

## Michigan Department of Community Health Fiscal Year 2006 Free Clinic Funding Summary Report

In fiscal year 2006, \$250,000 was allocated to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) for equal distribution among free clinic organizations serving Michigan's indigent population. The Health Planning and Access to Care Section within the MDCH Health Policy, Regulations, & Professions Administration developed eligibility criteria for the funds, oversaw the application process, and managed purchase order agreements with those clinics awarded funding.

MDCH, in collaboration with Free Clinics of Michigan (FCOM), developed eligibility criteria for the grant awards. Eligible clinics met the following criteria:

- A free clinic must be a nonprofit organization that uses volunteer clinicians to provide health care to uninsured patients.
- The clinic must have 501(c)(3) or other nonprofit status.
- The majority of providers on staff must be volunteers.
- Services provided must be free of charge.
- Clients served must be uninsured for the services provided.
- Less than 25% of total clinic revenue can be 3<sup>rd</sup> party or government funding.

Utilizing an FCOM directory of free clinic organizations, funding applications were distributed to 47 potential free clinic organizations throughout Michigan. The application period ran from February 10, 2006 to March 3, 2006. Given the limited grant writing resources of most applicant organizations, MDCH staff was available to assist clinics in completing the application.

38 applicants met the established criteria for funding and each of the 38 eligible organizations received an award of \$6,578.94. For a complete list of grantees, see the attached Appendix.

The 38 funded free clinic organizations were located in 27 counties across Michigan. Counties with multiple grantees include Kent (2 grantees), Macomb (2 grantees), Oakland (3 grantees), Washtenaw (2 grantees), and Wayne (7 grantees).

**Figure 1. Distribution of Funded Free Clinic Age by Total Years of Operation in 2006**

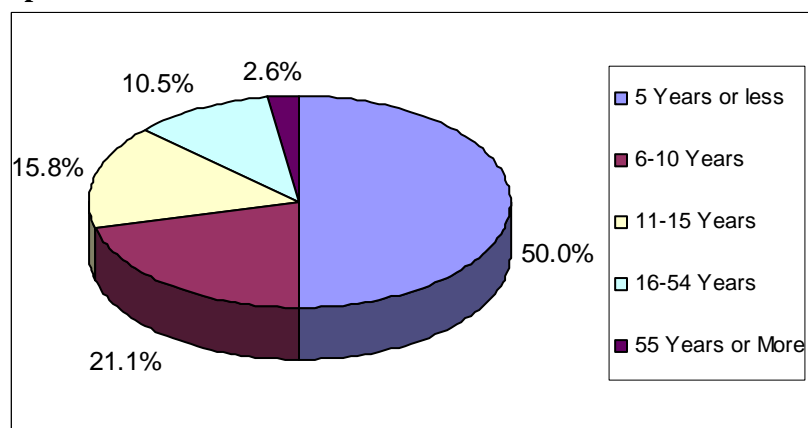


Figure 1 illustrates the percentage distribution of funded free clinics in 5 age groupings (0-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-54, and 55 years or more in operation). 5 year intervals were not used for last two age groups due to the limited number of clinics within those ranges.

Funded organizations ranged in terms of years of operation from within their first year open, to in their 56<sup>th</sup> year providing care to the uninsured. Half of the funded organizations had been open 5 or fewer years. 21% had been open more than 5 but fewer than 10 years, 16% had been open more than 10 but fewer than 15 years, and 13% had been open more than 15 years. Three funded organizations had been open 30 or more years.

According to information offered in the application process, funded organizations provide health care services during more than 7,500 uninsured visits a month. The range of patient care services offered varies between clinics, but can include more than 13 healthcare services. The most common services offered by funded free clinics include lab testing (92%), prescription assistance (92%), and provision of glucometer strips (79%). Other services offered include but may not be limited to: x-rays, minor emergency care, ongoing primary care, mental health counseling, employment physicals, dental care, health education classes, and specialty clinics.

**Figure 2. Percentage of Funded Clinics Offering Specific Services by Service Type**

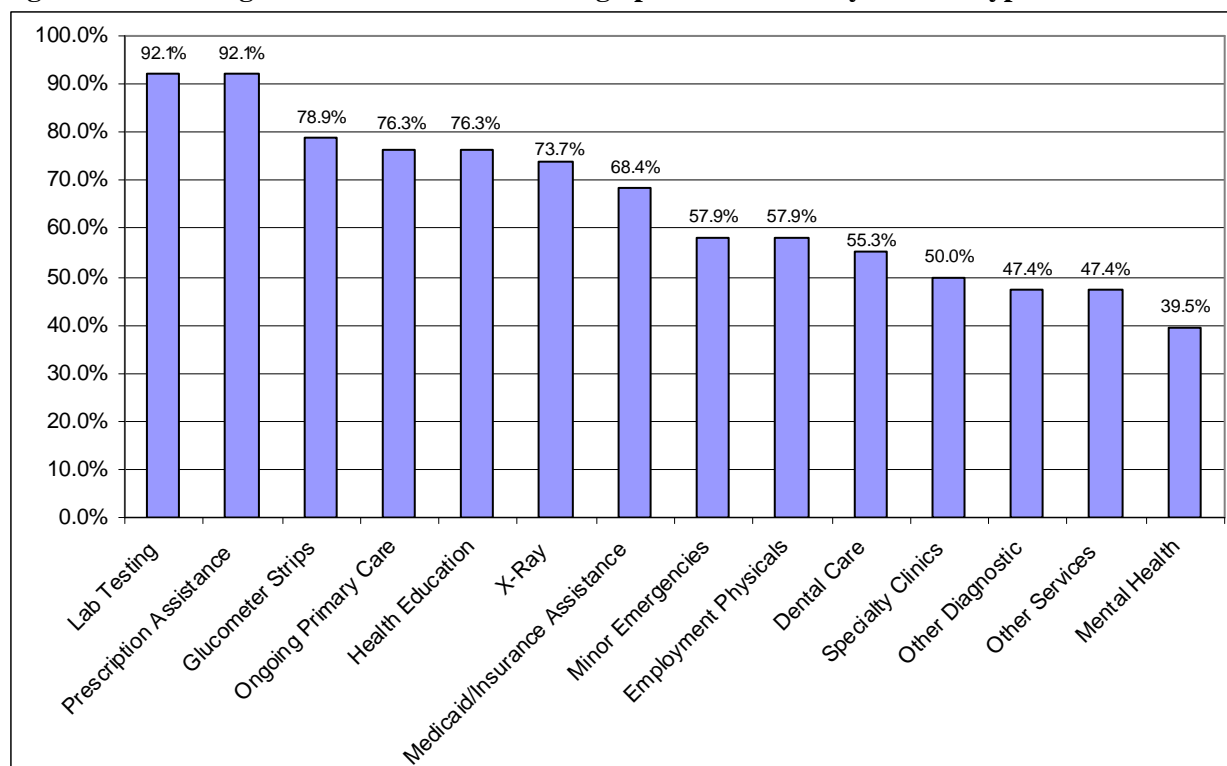


Figure 2 illustrates the difference in frequency by which certain services are offered among funded free clinic organizations. For each service, the percentage shown represents the proportion of funded free clinics that reported offering that specific service.

Budget information provided by applicant clinics indicated a significant range in financial resources across the clinics. For some clinics, the MDCH grant award was equal to or greater than the expected revenue for the year. For other organizations, the MDCH grant award constituted a relatively small percentage of the anticipated revenue.

Required reporting on grant expenditures indicated that the majority of funding through MDCH was used to support basic operational costs. 84% of funded agencies reported using a portion of the grant award toward clinical care expenses including prescription assistance programs and supplements to clinical staff. 63% of funded agencies reported using a portion of the funds toward durable medical equipment and other medical and lab testing supplies. 53% of funded agencies reported using a portion of the funds toward administrative expenses including office equipment, and administrative services and salaries.

Expenditure reporting also indicated that MDCH funding was used by some organizations for expansion of hours of operation, increasing the scope of services offered, and establishment of new programs and/or services. 21% of funded agencies reported use of the funds towards expanding staff and/or clinic hours of operation or adding new services. MDCH funds were also listed as contributing (in combination with other funding sources) to the establishment of 3 new patient programs at three separate free clinic organizations. The new patient programs included a comprehensive social work program, a new patient education program in chronic disease management, and a new dental and eye care program.

**Figure 3. Percentage of Clinics Using MDCH Funding Towards Specific Expenditures by Expenditure Type**

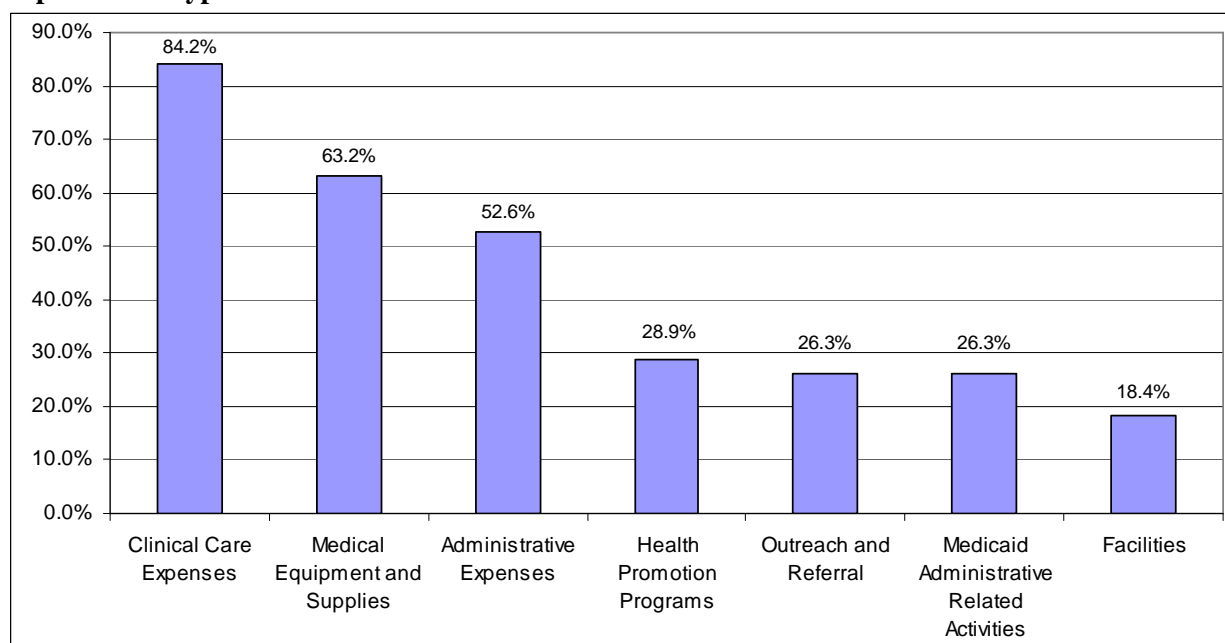


Figure 3 illustrates the difference in frequency of free clinic utilization of MDCH funds by the type of expense paid for with MDCH funds. Free clinic organizations often reported use of MDCH funds for multiple expenditure types and the percentages shown represent the percentage of all funded clinics reporting use of the funds for that particular expenditure type. Percentages shown above should not necessarily add to 100%.

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**Appendix. Funded Free Clinic Organizations in Fiscal Year 2006****AuSable Free Clinic, Inc.**

1100 E. Michigan Ave  
Grayling, MI 49738

**Cabrini Clinic**

1050 Porter Street  
Detroit, MI 48226-2405

**Cadillac Area Community Health Clinic**

400 Hobart St  
Cadillac, MI 49601

**Cass County Free Health Clinic**

400 W. Division, P.O. Box 378  
Dowagiac, MI 49047

**Catherine's Care Center**

224 Carrier NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

**Community Action Agency Clinic**

400 West South Street  
Adrian, MI 49221

**Community Free Clinic**

820 Arlington Ave, Suite 6  
Petoskey, MI 49770

**Community Health Access Coalition (CHAC)**

1108 Kimball Street, STE 2  
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

**Covenant Community Care**

559 W. Grand Boulevard  
Detroit, MI 48216

**Dr. Albert B. Cleage, Sr. Memorial Health Center**

8045 Second Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48202-2427

**Faith Community Free Clinic**

P.O. Box 565  
Delton, MI 49046

**First Presbyterian Church Health Clinic**

2918 Portage St  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

**Fountain Clinic**

111 N. Jefferson, STE 1  
Marshall, MI 49068

**Free Medical Clinic, Inc.****dba/Community Health Clinic**

3147 Logan Valley Rd  
Traverse City, MI 49686

**Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic**

90 University  
Pontiac, MI 48342

**Genesee County Free Medical Clinic**

2437 Welch  
Flint, MI 48504

**Health Intervention Services, Inc.**

15 Andre SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

**Healthy Futures**

800 S Washington  
Saginaw, MI 48601

**Helen M. Nickless Volunteer Clinic**

1900 Columbus Avenue  
Bay City, MI 48708

**Holland Free Health Clinic (HFHC)**

99 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Holland, MI 49423

**Hope Medical Clinic, Inc.**

P.O. Box 980311  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198-0311

**HUDA Clinic (Health Unit on Davison Ave)**

1605 W. Davison Ave  
Detroit, MI 48238

**Joy-Southfield Health Center**

18700 Joy Road  
Detroit, MI 48228

**Loving Hands Health Clinic**

P.O. Box 1146  
Lapeer, MI 48446

**MAPI Charitable Clinic**

1900 Sherwood Glen  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

**MAPI Free Clinic**

12701 Telegraph  
Taylor, MI 48180

**Medical Care Access Coalition, Inc.**

1414 W. Fair Avenue, Suite 26  
Marquette, MI 49855

**Medical Outreach Clinic (MOC)**

1000 Harrington Blvd  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

**Mercy Place Clinic**

55 Clinton St  
Pontiac, MI 48342

**Neighbor Caring for Neighbors Clinics**

58944 Old Van Dyke  
Washington Twp, MI 48094

**Northern Care Center**

224 North Main Street  
Cheboygan, MI 49721

**Peoples' Clinic for Better Health**

3110 Goulden St  
Port Huron, MI 48060

**Presbyterian Health Clinic of Branch County**

52 Marshall Street  
Coldwater, MI 49036

**Riverside Health Clinic**

207 E. Michigan Ave, P.O. Box 117  
Three Rivers, MI 49093

**Shelter Association of Washtenaw County-Health Clinic**

P.O. Box 7370  
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

**St. Luke's Clinic**

124 N. Elm Ave, P.O. Box 4123  
Jackson, MI 49204

**St. Peter's Free Clinic of Hillsdale County, Inc.**

3 N. Broad Street  
Hillsdale, MI 49242

**St. Vincent de Paul Health Center**

16000 Pembroke  
Detroit, MI 48235